

Amendments to the Specification

Referenced paragraph numbers are to those in US Patent Application Publication No. US 2005/0013941A1 dated January 20, 2005.

Amend paragraph [0022] as follows:

[0022] As stated above, a suitable, but not limiting, coating material is a fusion-bonded epoxy in powdered form. The coating material is provided from an external source via a suitable pipe or tubing (not shown in the drawings) that is connected to material port 32 of vacuum displacement pump 34. Air port 36 on the pump is connected to a regulated compressed air supply (typically ~~from 30 to~~ 30 psi for this example) by suitable pipe or tubing (not shown in the drawings). Regulating the supply of air to a venturi in pump 34 controls the intake draw of coating material into the coating apparatus and provides the means for keeping the coating material within the apparatus under positive air pressure. The term "fluidized" powder can be used to describe the coating material as it mixes with the injected air and reduces in density to a state suitable for passage within the coating apparatus of the present invention. A particular advantage of the present invention is that the non-rotating rotor provides a stationary structure for mounting each vacuum displacement pump. Therefore, the coating material and compressed air connections to each pump are not complicated by connecting to a rotating element.